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Summary

This collection contains 139 correspondence from Maj. Bette J. Barto, USAFE to her parents while serving as a nurse during the late 1950s and 1960s. Also included are three photographs, one special orders document, and one marriage license. In several cases, Bette refers to her parents as "Lizzie" and "Hugh Elmer," or simply "Elmer." Three letters from 1961 or 1962 are undated and placed in a separate folder.

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Wednesday morn
9⁰⁰pm 30 aug 61

Dear Mom and Daddy,

I was about ready to call you when we got your letter today. I thought maybe you were sick, but I realize I haven't written, but once since we got home. We have been busy as bees. Ray even had to work until 4³⁰pm Saturday - his day off.

So far I still have him with me and the latest word is that he won't have to leave until the 17th of September or maybe a few days later.

The Sears man was here with a wood craftsman who says he can refinish our table and China Closet like new. He has a backlog of work ahead of ours so it may be 2-3 more weeks before he gets ours done, but at least the effort is being made.

Poor Helen and Joey, I feel so sorry for them that they have to be separated for 6 months. It's a shame that their nice house has been so mistreated after Helen has driven herself nuts keeping someone else's house nice. Of course, I don't know why I'm at all surprised because we always got that kind of a deal when we moved into a new house.

Ray is having a puppy-dog war. There are so many dogs wandering in and out, messing up and tearing up our flowers and shrubs. There is a base regulation against dogs running loose. So he's sitting on our patio with his little air pistol, scaring the fur off the little critters that crawl under our fence.

We're still eating tomatoes from the back yard. I doubt if we will have too many extra peppers. We seem to be eating them as fast as they get large enough. If we do I'll use your recipe, Mom; so, thanks.

Well, I haven't much to write about tonight Ray's ready to get to bed; so I'll quit for this one & try again in a day or so.

Love you,

Pete

Happy Birthday, Elmer.